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Sir:

In response to the Office Letter mailed 7/20/2004, please amend the above application as follows:

### Amendment Under Rule 116

Pursuant to a phone conversation with the examiner on 7/22/04, and in response to the Final Action mailed 7/20/2004, the applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the application, having made amendments intended to provide more structure to the claims while maintaining a breadth of scope that protects the novelty of the invention to the greatest extent while not being precluded by the prior art.